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1 **[REPORT ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ACTION**
2 **ON TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2009, BEGINS ON PAGE 54.]**

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING, WELCOME. IF YOU WOULD ALL
7 PLEASE RISE. WE WILL BE LED THIS MORNING IN AN INVOCATION BY
8 RABBI JOEL SIMONDS, UNIVERSITY SYNAGOGUE HERE IN LOS ANGELES,
9 FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY JOHN L.
10 STAMATIADES, COMMANDER, 17TH DISTRICT, THE AMERICAN LEGION.
11 RABBI?

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13 **RABBI JOEL SIMONDS:** HAVING JUST CELEBRATED THE ANNIVERSARY OF
14 OUR COUNTRY'S INDEPENDENCE, WE ARE REMINDED OF THE IDEALS AND
15 VALUES UPON WHICH THIS COUNTRY WAS FOUNDED. WE ARE REMINDED
16 THAT ALL MEN AND WOMEN ARE CREATED EQUAL AND THAT WE HAVE
17 UNALIENABLE RIGHTS, THE RIGHT TO LIFE, THE RIGHT TO LIBERTY,
18 THE RIGHT TO HAPPINESS. BUT IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT
19 WITH THESE RIGHTS COMES RESPONSIBILITY. RESPONSIBILITY TO ONE
20 ANOTHER. THE GREAT 20TH CENTURY PHILOSOPHER, MARTIN BUBER,
21 WROTE ABOUT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN I-IT AND AN I-THOU
22 RELATIONSHIP. IN AN I-IT RELATIONSHIP, WE VIEW THE OTHER
23 PERSON AS AN OBJECT, WE SUBJUGATE THE OTHER PERSON, WE
24 DEPERSONALIZE HIM. WE DENY HER UNALIENABLE RIGHTS. BUT THE I-
25 THOU RELATIONSHIP IS DIFFERENT. IN THE I-THOU RELATIONSHIP, WE



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1 SEE THE OTHER PERSON AS SOMEONE MADE IN THE IMAGE OF THE
2 ALMIGHTY. WE SEE HIM OR HER AS AN EQUAL, AS A PARTNER, AS
3 SOMEONE OF WORTH AND BEAUTY. WHEN WE TAKE ON THE
4 RESPONSIBILITY OF OTHERS, WHEN WE CARE FOR THE STRANGER AND
5 THE WEAK, WHEN WE TREAT THEM AS EQUALS, WE ENGAGE WITH THEM AS
6 AN I-THOU. FROM THIS WE LEARN THAT WE ARE NOT JUST RESPONSIBLE
7 FOR OURSELVES. WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL WHO RESIDE IN OUR
8 MIDST. THIS LESSON REMINDS US OF THE WORDS OF THE ANCIENT
9 PROPHET ZECHARIAH, WHO DEMANDED THAT WE SHOULD EXECUTE TRUE
10 JUSTICE, DEAL LOYALLY AND COMPASSIONATELY WITH ONE ANOTHER, DO
11 NOT DEFRAUD THE WIDOW, THE ORPHAN, THE STRANGER AND THE POOR,
12 AND DO NOT PLAN EVIL AGAINST ONE ANOTHER. WITH THE LIGHTS OF
13 INDEPENDENCE STILL SHINING IN OUR EYES AND THE BOOMING SOUNDS
14 OF FREEDOM STILL RINGING IN OUR EARS, LET US BEGIN OUR WORK
15 THIS MORNING GUIDED BY ZECHARIAH'S MESSAGE. ETERNAL ONE, BLESS
16 US THIS DAY SO THAT WE MAY HEED YOUR CALL AND EXECUTE TRUE
17 JUSTICE THROUGHOUT YOUR LAND. WHEN FRUSTRATION AND EXHAUSTION
18 OVERWHELM US, HELP US TO SUMMON OUR COMPASSION SO THAT WE MAY
19 SEE OUR NEIGHBORS NOT AS FACELESS AND NAMELESS STATISTICS, BUT
20 AS EQUALS, AS PARTNERS, AS FRIENDS. STRENGTHEN OUR VOICES SO
21 THAT WE MAY SPEAK OUT FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN SILENCED, MAKE
22 FIRM OUR STEPS SO THAT WE MAY MARCH FOR JUSTICE, NOT AGAINST
23 IT. AND HELP OUR EYES TO SEE THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN PUSHED ASIDE
24 SO THAT WE MAY LEND THEM A HAND AND BRING THEM BACK INTO OUR



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1 COMMUNITY. (SPEAKING IN HEBREW). MAY WE COME IN PEACE AND MAY
2 WE GO IN PEACE. AND LET US SAY AMEN.

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4 **JOHN L. STAMATIADES:** PLEASE FACE THE FLAG OF OUR GREAT NATION.
5 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BEGIN. I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE
6 FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR
7 WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION, UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH
8 LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL. GOD BLESS AMERICA.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THANK YOU. WE WERE LED IN THE
13 INVOCATION THIS MORNING BY RABBI JOEL SIMONDS, WHO SERVES AS
14 THE ASSISTANT RABBI AT UNIVERSITY SYNAGOGUE IN BRENTWOOD.
15 RABBI SIMONDS WAS ORDAINED FROM THE HEBRIAN COLLEGE JEWISH
16 INSTITUTE OF RELIGION JUST LAST MAY, TWO MONTHS AGO. WHILE IN
17 RABBINICAL SCHOOL, RABBI SIMONDS SERVED AS A CHAPLAIN FOR THE
18 U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER AND HELPED DEVELOP A CLASS ON JEWISH
19 SPIRITUALITY. RABBI SIMONDS RECEIVED HIS B.A. IN RELIGIOUS
20 STUDIES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA IN SANTA BARBARA.
21 AND AFTER GRADUATING FROM THE UNIVERSITY, RABBI SIMONDS SPENT
22 TWO YEARS WORKING FOR THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN WASHINGTON, D.C.
23 THANK YOU VERY MUCH, RABBI, FOR THOSE INSPIRATIONAL WORDS THIS
24 MORNING. MOST RABBIS HAVE TO WAIT FIVE YEARS MINIMUM UNTIL
25 THEY HAVE THE HIGH HONOR AND PRIVILEGE OF PRESENTING THE



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1 INVOCATION AT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. YOU DID IT IN TWO
2 MONTHS. CONGRATULATIONS, WELCOME. [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ALSO ADD THAT THE RABBI IS THE FIRST
5 RABBI BORN AND RAISED IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. HIS FATHER WAS A
6 DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR AT CORTSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, THE HIGH
7 SCHOOL THAT THE RABBI GRADUATED FROM, AND WAS A TEACHER TO
8 MANY OF MY STAFF, BOTH DEPUTY AND CLERICAL IN THE ANTELOPE
9 VALLEY. AND HIS MOTHER WENT TO SCHOOL WITH ZEV. SO IT'S A VERY
10 SMALL WORLD AND WE WELCOME YOU HERE, AND THANK YOU FOR COMING
11 DOWN.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S MY PLEASURE ON BEHALF OF SUPERVISOR
14 MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, WHO IS UNABLE TO BE HERE TODAY TO PRESENT
15 A CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO MR. JOHN STAMATIADES, THE
16 COMMANDER OF THE 17TH DISTRICT, AS I MENTIONED, AMERICAN
17 LEGION, THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. HE ALSO SERVES ON THE
18 AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. HE SERVED OUR
19 COUNTRY IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE FROM 1953 TO 1957 AS A
20 MASTER SERGEANT WITH THE 261ST COMBAT COMMUNICATION SQUADRON.
21 HE RECEIVED A U.S. AIR FORCE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, A U.S. AIR
22 FORCE COMMENDATION MEDAL AND A NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL.
23 HE HAS LIVED IN SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S DISTRICT SECOND
24 DISTRICT FOR 33 YEARS. HE IS MARRIED, WITH TWO CHILDREN. SO ON
25 BEHALF OF THE BOARD, WE'D LIKE TO THANK HIM FOR TAKING TIME



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1 OUT OF HIS SCHEDULE TO JOIN US HERE TODAY AND TO LEAD US IN
2 THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [APPLAUSE.] YOU'RE LOOKING AT ME
3 LIKE YOU WOULD LIKE TO CALL THE AGENDA. IS THAT CORRECT? ALL
4 RIGHT, HERE WE GO.

5

6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE
7 BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3, AGENDA FOR THE
8 MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEMS 1-D
9 THROUGH 4-D. ON ITEM NO. 1-D, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS
10 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JULY 21ST, 2009.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** TWO WEEKS?

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14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** TWO WEEKS.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SO ORDERED.

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18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 3-D, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
19 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. SO ITEMS 2-D AND 4-D
20 ARE BEFORE YOU.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.
23 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
24 ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING
2 AUTHORITY, ITEMS 1-H AND 2-H. ON ITEM NO. 1-H, THE EXECUTIVE
3 DIRECTOR OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
4 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JULY 14TH, 2009.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 2-H IS BEFORE YOU.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY THE CHAIR. SECONDED BY
11 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ONE WEEK, YES. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1
14 THROUGH 9. ON ITEM NO. 1, THIS INCLUDES SUPERVISOR KNABE'S
15 APPOINTMENT AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM
16 NO. 2, THIS RECOMMENDATION WAS REVISED AS INDICATED ON THE
17 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM NO. 3, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS
18 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JULY 14TH,
19 2009. AND ON ITEM NO. 4, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF
20 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ITEM NO. 3 WILL BE CONTINUED TO JULY
23 14TH.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT. AND THEN THE REMAINING ITEMS,
2 INCLUDING ITEM NO. 1 AND 2 ARE BEFORE YOU.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINDER, THE CHAIR WILL MOVE
5 IT, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
6 ORDERED.

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8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 9, CONSENT CALENDAR.
9 ITEMS 10 THROUGH 33. ON ITEM NO. 10, THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER
10 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JULY 21ST,
11 2009.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 11, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED
16 AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
17 REFERRED BACK TO HIS OFFICE.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 12, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
22 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 14, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS
2 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JULY 14TH, 2009.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 16, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
7 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND ON ITEM NO. 19,
8 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
9 ITEM.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THE REMAINING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINING ITEMS, MOVED BY
16 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.
17 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 18, ORDINANCES FOR
20 INTRODUCTION. NO. 10 WAS CONTINUED TWO WEEKS. WE ARE ON PAGE
21 18, ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION. ITEMS 34 THROUGH 41. ON ITEM
22 NO. 34, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED
23 ONE WEEK TO JULY 14, 2009.

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25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEMS NO. 35 THROUGH 41, THE AUDITOR-
3 CONTROLLER REQUESTS THAT THESE ITEMS BE CONTINUED TO JULY
4 21ST, 2009.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED. AND THERE IS NO TIMING ISSUE
7 ON THAT, IS THAT CORRECT?

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 19, SEPARATE MATTER ITEM 42, AND
14 I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS THE
15 TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A
16 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE WEST SIDE
17 UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, 2008 ELECTION,
18 SERIES A, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20
19 MILLION.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MOVED BY THE CHAIR, SECONDED BY
22 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

23

24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 22, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION. ON
25 ITEM NO. CS-1, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS



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1 ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JULY 14TH, 2009. CS-1 ON PAGE
2 22.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SO ORDERED.

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6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE
7 AGENDA, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH
8 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 1.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE HAVE A COUPLE OF SPECIAL
11 PRESENTATIONS I'M GOING TO BEGIN WITH. FIRST OF ALL, ARE WE
12 LIVE HERE NOW? ARE WE LIVE? WE ARE, OKAY. I'D LIKE TO INVITE
13 UP THE HONORABLE JUKR BOON-LONG THE CONSUL GENERAL OF THAILAND
14 HERE IN LOS ANGELES. CONSUL GENERAL BOON-LONG HAS BEEN THE
15 HEAD OF THE CONSUL GENERAL HERE FOR THAILAND SINCE MAY OF
16 2006. HE HAS BEEN A CAREER DIPLOMAT SINCE 1984, WHEN HE JOINED
17 THE THAI MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. BEFORE THAT, HE EARNED A
18 B.A. DEGREE IN LAW IN THAILAND, AN M.A. IN INTERNATIONAL
19 POLITICS AND ECONOMICS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT HERE IN
20 THE UNITED STATES. AS A DIPLOMAT, HE HAS SERVED THE ROYAL THAI
21 EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON, D.C., HANOI, AND BERLIN. HE HAS BEEN
22 AWARDED NUMEROUS DECORATIONS, INCLUDING THE KNIGHT GRAND CROSS
23 OF THE MOST NOBLE ORDER OF THE CROWN OF THAILAND. BEFORE HE
24 BECAME CONSUL GENERAL HERE HE WAS DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF
25 THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE



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1 MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN THAILAND. IN HIS LOS ANGELES
2 POST, CONSUL GENERAL BOON-LONG HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
3 PROVISION OF CONSULAR SUPPORT AND SERVICES TO AN ESTIMATED
4 300,000 PEOPLE, CONSIDERED THE LARGEST THAI POPULATION
5 RESIDING OVERSEAS. UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP, THE ANNUAL THAI
6 CULINARY TRAINING COURSE PROJECTS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED IN
7 COLLABORATION WITH MAJOR CULINARY INSTITUTES HERE ON THE WEST
8 COAST. HE HAS ALSO PROMOTED THE THAI CULTURE ARTS AND CRAFTS
9 THROUGH THE ANNUAL THAI FESTIVALS PROJECT AT FAIRS AND MAJOR
10 CITIES. DURING HIS TENURE, HE DID SUCH A GOOD JOB THAT THEY
11 EXPANDED HIS RESPONSIBILITY AND IT WENT FROM 8 TO 13 STATES.
12 THE CONSUL GENERAL'S WIFE HAS ALSO BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN THE LOS
13 ANGELES CONSULAR CORPS LADIES' ASSOCIATION. SO ON BEHALF OF
14 OUR 10 MILLION PLUS RESIDENTS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND
15 THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WE BID CONSUL GENERAL JUKR BOON-
16 LONG FAREWELL AS HE LEAVES HIS POST, WISH HIM CONTINUED
17 SUCCESS AS HE RETURNS HOME TO BECOME THE MINISTER OF CULTURAL
18 AFFAIRS. SO WE'RE MOST PROUD OF OUR WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH
19 CONSUL GENERAL BOON-LONG, WISH HIM AND HIS WIFE AND HIS FAMILY
20 THE VERY, VERY BEST. A SAFE JOURNEY HOME. AND GODSPEED.
21 [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **JUKR BOON-LONG:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN, FOR THE
24 KIND WORDS OF INTRODUCTION. I JUST WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS OF THE L.A. COUNTY FOR THE KIND GESTURE IN



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1 ARRANGING THIS BIDDING FAREWELL FOR ME. L.A. COUNTY IS VERY
2 IMPORTANT TO THAILAND BECAUSE THIS COUNTY HOLDS THE LARGEST
3 THAI COMMUNITY OVERSEAS. WE HAVE 100,000 THAI IN THIS L.A.
4 COUNTY ALONE, AND THEY ARE ALL VERY HAPPY LIVING IN THIS
5 COUNTY. I JUST WANT TO THANK THE L.A. COUNTY FOR THE KIND
6 COOPERATION IT HAS EXTENDED TO MY OFFICE, THE OFFICE OF
7 CONSULAR GENERAL OF THAILAND. AND THEN ALSO EXTENDED TODAY THE
8 THAI COMMUNITY. AND I HOPE THAT THIS COOPERATION GOES ON. WE
9 JUST CELEBRATE 175 YEARS OF THAI-U.S. RELATIONS. WE ARE THE
10 CLOSEST ALLY OF UNITED STATES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. SO THIS
11 COOPERATION WILL GO ON IN THE FUTURE FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR
12 TWO COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT, ZEV, GLORIA? NEXT I'D LIKE TO
15 INVITE UP THE ESTEEMED MEMBERS OF OUR COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL
16 PROCEDURES. TODAY WE ARE CELEBRATING -- I THINK THIS IS THE
17 FIRST TIME I'VE EVER DONE A SITUATION LIKE THIS. IT'S USUALLY
18 A NUMBER OF YEARS. BUT THIS IS AN HONOR OF RECOGNITION OF THE
19 700TH MEETING OF THE JUDICIAL PROCEDURES COMMISSION. AND WE'RE
20 FIGURING OUT, THAT'S PRETTY CLOSE TO 48 YEARS. SO THE
21 COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PROCEDURES WAS ESTABLISHED ON JUNE 6TH,
22 1961, TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON
23 CHANGES AND IMPROVEMENTS IN JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION. THESE
24 IMPROVEMENTS HAVE PROVIDED FOR A SWIFTER, MORE EFFICIENT AND A
25 MORE ECONOMICAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, REDUCED CASELOADS AND DELAYS



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1 FOR LITIGANTS IN THE SUPERIOR COURT. THIS COMMISSION ALSO
2 DETERMINES THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL JUDGES AND MAKES
3 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION BY THE BOARD ON LEGISLATION
4 PERTAINING TO THE SUPERIOR COURT. IT OBVIOUSLY ALSO
5 FACILITATES THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COURT AND THE COUNTY.
6 THIS COMMISSION REMAINS ON THE FOREFRONT, WORKS FIRMLY TO
7 IMPROVE THE QUALITY AND SERVICES AND PROGRAMS OFFERED BY THE
8 COURTS TO THE CITIZENS OF OUR GREAT COUNTY. THEY MEET
9 DILIGENTLY ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH. THEY HAVE
10 MET FOR 700 TIMES. OH, THE -- HERE. SO ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD,
11 WE WANT TO PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO THE COMMISSION IN
12 RECOGNITION OF ITS 700TH MEETING ANNIVERSARY. BUT ALSO JUST TO
13 THANK THEM FOR THEIR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE
14 IMPROVEMENTS OF THE SERVICES TO THE CITIZENS AND TO OUR COURT
15 SYSTEM. SO CONGRATULATIONS. LET'S GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF
16 APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] MR. CHAIRMAN, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY A
17 FEW WORDS HERE BEFORE WE GIVE YOU A SCROLL?

18

19 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE. AND ON BEHALF OF THE
20 COMMISSION, WE APPRECIATE THIS ACKNOWLEDGMENT. OVER THE YEARS,
21 MANY PEOPLE HAVE SERVED ON THIS COMMISSION, JUDICIAL
22 PROCEDURES COMMISSION, AND OFTENTIMES THERE ARE OPENINGS. AND
23 IF PEOPLE ARE INTERESTED, CONTACT YOUR SUPERVISOR, THEY'RE THE
24 ONES THAT MAKE THE APPOINTMENTS TO THE JUDICIAL PROCEDURES
25 COMMISSION. AND WE'RE CONCERNED WITH CHILD CENTERS FOR THE



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1 COURTS. WE'RE CONCERNED WITH ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE COURT
2 SYSTEM IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND ON BEHALF OF THE
3 COMMISSIONERS THAT ARE PRESENT THIS MORNING, WE APPRECIATE
4 THIS ACKNOWLEDGMENT. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD TO HELP
5 MAKE OUR COURT SYSTEM MORE PRODUCTIVE, MORE EFFECTIVE FOR THE
6 PEOPLE OF THE GREAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NOW IT IS MY EXTREME PLEASURE TO
9 INTRODUCE THE JULY 2009 L.A. COUNTY STARS, STARS IN THE
10 CATEGORY OF SERVICE EXCELLENCE AND ORGANIZATIONAL
11 EFFECTIVENESS. BEAD' LIKE TO WELCOME KATHY HESTER-FLANAGAN, A
12 MENTAL HEALTH COORDINATOR 2 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
13 HEALTH. OBVIOUSLY THE GOALS OF THE CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL
14 MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM ARE TO ENRICH THE LIVES OF THE
15 INCARCERATED YOUTH BY PROVIDING CARING, EFFECTIVE AND
16 CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO AN UNDERSERVED
17 POPULATION IN ORDER TO ALLOW THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO FULFILL
18 THEIR GOALS. KATHY EFFECTIVELY SUPPORTS AND ENHANCES THESE
19 GOALS IN THE WORK THAT SHE PERFORMS AS A MENTAL HEALTH
20 COORDINATOR AND RECREATIONAL THERAPIST. HER WORK ADDS AN
21 INVALUABLE ASPECT TO THE TRADITIONAL PSYCHOTHERAPEUTIC
22 SERVICES FOR OUR YOUTH WITH A FOCUS ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND THE
23 EMPOWERMENT AS A WHOLE PERSON. SHE ACHIEVES THIS BY HER ARTS
24 PROGRAMMING AND COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE BEEN
25 SHOWN OVER THE YEARS TO REDUCE BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS, PROMOTE



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1 COOPERATION, PROMOTE PRO-SOCIAL SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENCOURAGE
2 SCHOOL ATTENDANCE. SHE HAS DEVELOPED VERY POSITIVE
3 COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT,
4 INCLUDING LINE STAFF IN LIVE-IN WARD UNITS AND WITH PERFORMING
5 ARTISTS BY CONSISTENTLY INVOLVING THEM IN THE COLLABORATION
6 AND ENGAGEMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE YOUTH. HER WAY OF
7 COORDINATING WITH THE JUVENILE HALL ADMINISTRATION PROBATION
8 STAFF, MENTAL HEALTH CLINICAL STAFF, AND THE PARTICIPATING
9 ARTISTS OF THE ART, SOCIAL, MULTICULTURAL, ACADEMIC,
10 RECREATIONAL, THERAPEUTIC, BETTER KNOWN AS SMART, AND THE
11 YOUTH CHOSEN TO BE IN THE PROGRAM ALLOWS FOR THIS PROGRAM TO
12 MOVE SMOOTHLY THROUGH THE JUVENILE HALL IN A CONSISTENT AND
13 CONSTANTLY CHANGING FIVE-WEEK WORKSHOP SESSION. HER DEDICATION
14 TO EXCELLENCE HAS CONTRIBUTED TO SMART BEING THE RECIPIENT OF
15 A PRODUCTIVITY AND QUALITY AWARD, AN ACHIEVEMENT GIVEN BY THE
16 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES, NACO, IN 2008. SO WE WANT TO
17 SAY THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS TO KATHY HESTER-FLANAGAN.

18 [APPLAUSE.]

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20 **KATHY HESTER-FLANAGAN:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. I JUST WANT TO
21 SAY A FEW WORDS. I ACCEPT THIS HONOR ON BEHALF OF MY
22 DEPARTMENT AND BEHALF OF MY PROGRAM HEAD, DR. SHIRLEY
23 FLOURNOY, AND ALL OF THE PROFESSIONAL MEN AND WOMEN THAT I
24 WORK WITH AT CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL, BOTH IN THE MENTAL HEALTH
25 DEPARTMENT AND PROBATION. AND I WANT TO ALSO THANK THE



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1 PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS THAT I WORK WITH. THEY'RE VERY GIFTED IN
2 THE "ART SMART" PROGRAM, AND THE AMAZINGLY TALENTED YOUTH THAT
3 ARE AT CENTRAL JUVENILE HALL. SO ON BEHALF OF ALL OF THEM WHO
4 HELP MAKE MY JOB SO MUCH EASIER, I ACCEPT THIS AWARD. THANK
5 YOU SO VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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7 **DR. MARVIN J. SOUTHARD:** I WANT TO GIVE MY CONGRATULATIONS TO
8 KATHY AND THE "ART SMART" PROGRAM. THIS IS A PROGRAM THAT JUST
9 DOESN'T MERELY SOUND GOOD. IT SOUNDS GOOD TO INVOLVE YOUTH IN
10 THE ARTS. BUT ONE OF THE THINGS WE FOUND IN OUR PARTNERSHIP
11 WITH PROBATION IS THAT IT ACTUALLY WORKS TO IMPROVE THE
12 BEHAVIOR OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE AND GIVE THEM SOMETHING. AND SO
13 IT'S SOMETHING NOT JUST FOR THE HALL BUT ALSO FOR THEIR
14 DEVELOPMENT WHEN THEY LEAVE THE HALL. SO WE CONSIDER THIS AS
15 REALLY ONE OF THE BEST EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES WE HAVE ABOUT
16 IMPROVING THE LIVES OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE. AND I'M SO PROUD
17 THAT OUR DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ABLE TO DEVELOP THIS. SO THANK
18 YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GLORIA?

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I'M GOING TO BRING UP A
23 WHOLE GROUP OF FOLKS. I VERY RARELY BRING UP THIS MANY FOLKS
24 TO RECEIVE ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND PRESENTATIONS, BUT I THINK IT'S
25 VERY ESSENTIAL FOR THIS PARTICULAR PROGRAM. YOU KNOW, IT'S



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1 BEEN ABOUT A YEAR AND ALMOST TWO YEARS THAT WE STARTED AND
2 CREATED THE FIRST DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL PILOT PROGRAM. AND IT'S
3 BEEN A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS. EARLIER TODAY WE HAD A LITTLE
4 GATHERING OUT IN THE PATIO, AND WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO
5 PRESENT SCROLLS TO ALL OF THE FOSTER CARE KIDS THAT HAVE
6 PARTICIPATED IN THIS PROGRAM, AND SOME OF THEM WHO HAVE WORKED
7 SO VERY HARD AND WEREN'T SCHEDULED TO GRADUATE, AND 19 OF THEM
8 WHO HAVE GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL THIS PAST JUNE. WE ARE
9 VERY, VERY PROUD OF THEM. AS ALL OF US KNOW, PLACEMENT IN
10 FOSTER CARE IS ONE OF THE MOST DISTRESSING EVENTS THAT CAN
11 HAPPEN TO ANY CHILD. HE OR SHE IS OFTEN FORCED TO CHANGE
12 SCHOOLS, SOMETIMES REPEATEDLY, DURING THE COURSE OF ANY OF
13 THEIR PLACEMENTS. AND ADDRESSING EDUCATIONAL ISSUES FOR FOSTER
14 YOUTH, AS WE ALL KNOW, IS AN ONGOING CHALLENGE. AND AS COUNTY
15 SUPERVISORS, WE ALL RECOGNIZE AND UNDERSTAND THAT DIRECTLY IT
16 IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS THESE KIDS ARE OUR WARDS. IN THE
17 SPRING OF 2008, OUR OFFICE SPEARHEADED THE EDUCATIONAL PILOT
18 PROGRAM TO IMPROVE THE EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES FOR MANY OF THESE
19 FOSTER CARE KIDS. WE CREATED THE TOOLS TO ASSESS WHERE OUR
20 YOUTH WERE AT, WHERE THEY STOOD EDUCATIONALLY, AND DEVELOPED A
21 CASE PLAN ADDRESSING ALL OF THEIR NEEDS. WE COLLABORATED WITH
22 THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN SERVICES, THE C.E.O.'S STAFF. WE
23 WERE VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE TWO VERY COOPERATIVE SCHOOL
24 DISTRICTS, POMONA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND THE MONTEBELLO
25 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICTS. THEY, ALONG WITH THE CASEY PROGRAMS



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1 AND OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY EDUCATIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL,
2 REALLY DEVELOPED THE POLICIES, THE PROCEDURES, WENT THROUGH A
3 WHOLE PROCESS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAD THE VERY BEST PROGRAM
4 IN PLACE. OUR PROCESS REVEALED THAT OFTEN MANY OF THESE
5 STUDENTS HAD TAKEN IN PAST COURSES IN THE PAST. BUT AS THEY
6 WERE MOVED FROM SCHOOL TO SCHOOL, MANY OF THOSE CREDITS WERE
7 NOT ATTACHED TO THOSE KIDS AND THOSE CREDITS WERE LOST. THANKS
8 TO THE INTENSIVE ATTENTION PROVIDED BY OUR SOCIAL WORKERS,
9 THOSE CREDITS WERE NOT ONLY FOUND BUT THEY WERE RESTORED TO
10 MANY OF THESE KIDS THAT HAD ALREADY COMPLETED THOSE CLASSES.
11 AND WE'RE ALSO GRATIFIED THAT MANY OF OUR KIDS FROM HERE ARE
12 GOING TO GO ON AND ENROLL IN COLLEGE. THE PILOT PROGRAM HAS
13 REALLY STRENGTHENED THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF
14 CHILDREN SERVICES AND MANY OF OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AS WELL AS
15 THE CAREGIVERS WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEM EVERY SINGLE DAY,
16 TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF HOW TO NAVIGATE THROUGH THE
17 EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM, WHICH CAN BE QUITE DIFFICULT. I APPLAUDED
18 THEM EARLIER THIS MORNING. I WANT TO APPLAUD THEM AGAIN
19 BECAUSE THEY HAVE DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB. AND I'M
20 PARTICULARLY PROUD OF THE STUDENTS BECAUSE MANY OF THEM HAD
21 SORT OF GIVEN UP. MANY OF THEM THOUGHT THIS IS JUST THE WAY
22 THE SYSTEM WORKS. BUT I THINK THEY, TOO, WERE INSPIRED AND
23 MOTIVATED BY THE CAREGIVERS, BY THE SOCIAL WORKERS, BY THE
24 COUNSELORS AND ALL THE PEOPLE THAT WERE INVOLVED THAT REALLY
25 INSPIRED THEM TO MOVE FORWARD. IN HEARING THE STORIES OF EACH



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1 OF THESE STUDENTS, IT'S BEEN IMPRESSIVE THE KIND OF ATTENTION
2 THAT THEY'VE RECEIVED FROM EVERYONE. AND I THINK IT'S
3 ATTENTION THAT ALL OF US TAKE FOR GRANTED THAT SHOULD BE THERE
4 ON THEIR BEHALF. IN MANY INSTANCES, IT IS NOT. SO I APPLAUD
5 MANY OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SO VERY ATTENTIVE IN WORKING THIS
6 ALL OUT. THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE TO THANK AND TO APPRECIATE.
7 AND I REALLY WANT TO TAKE THE TIME TO GIVE THEM RECOGNITION
8 BECAUSE THEY DESERVE OUR RECOGNITION. ONE OF THE KEY LEADERS
9 OF THIS PROGRAM AND PROCESS WAS A JUDGE THAT IS FAMILIAR TO
10 ALL OF US. HE'S NOT HERE THIS MORNING BECAUSE HE HAD TO GET
11 BACK TO WORK, BUT HE ATTENDED OUR MORNING RECEPTION, AND
12 THAT'S JUDGE NASH. AS WE ALL KNOW, JUDGE NASH HAS AN
13 UNBELIEVABLE TASK AHEAD OF HIM IN TRYING TO FIGURE OUT THE
14 BEST INTERESTS OF CHILDREN EVERY SINGLE DAY, EVERY SINGLE
15 MOMENT. WHEN WE APPROACHED HIM ABOUT THIS PROGRAM, HE WAS
16 VERY, VERY SUPPORTIVE, AND BASICALLY HAS HELPED US CLEAR THE
17 PATH SO THAT AS WE ALL KNOW, WHETHER IT'S A BUREAUCRACY OR
18 LAWS THAT DON'T ALLOW YOU TO HAVE ACCESS TO RECORDS AND
19 INFORMATION THAT YOU NEED IN ORDER TO PLAN THE SUCCESS OF A
20 CHILD, JUDGE NASH WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN HELPING US PUT THAT
21 FORWARD. AND I REALLY WANT TO THANK HIM FOR HIS LEADERSHIP.
22 AND I THINK MANY OF US REALLY RESPECT THE KIND OF ROLE THAT HE
23 UNDERTAKES AND MANAGES AS HE CARRIES OUT HIS WORK AS A
24 PRESIDING JUDGE OF OUR DEPENDENCY COURT. SO WE PRESENTED HIM
25 WITH A SCROLL A LITTLE EARLIER. SOMEONE WHO'S BEEN REALLY



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1 HELPFUL IN THIS REGARD AND HAS HAD TO TAKE A LOT OF GRIEF FROM
2 ME FROM TIME TO TIME AS THIS WAS CARRIED OUT, BECAUSE THERE'S
3 JUST SO MANY PROCEDURES AND POLICIES THAT NEED TO BE CHANGED
4 AND CHALLENGES THAT NEED TO BE MADE TO HER AND HER SUPERVISING
5 STAFF, AND THAT'S OUR VERY OWN TRISH PLOEHN. SHE HAS, AS THE
6 LEADER OF OUR DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN SERVICES, WHERE ARE YOU,
7 TRISH?

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9 **TRISH PLOEHN:** RIGHT HERE.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA:** SHE HAS PROVIDED GREAT LEADERSHIP. AND I WANT TO
12 THANK HER. SHE IS VERY DESERVING. SHE HAS MADE AN UNBELIEVABLE
13 AMOUNT OF CHANGES WITHIN THAT DEPARTMENT TO REALLY FOCUS ON
14 GETTING SOCIAL WORKERS TO NOT ONLY BE ATTENTIVE TO THESE
15 CHILDREN BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, TO CHALLENGE THEMSELVES AS TO
16 HOW THEY NAVIGATE THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM. AND I THANK HER FOR
17 ALL OF HER SUPPORT THROUGHOUT IT. CONGRATULATIONS, TRISH.

18 [APPLAUSE.] DO YOU WANT TO SHARE A FEW WORDS? OKAY. TAKING A
19 PICTURE. ALL RIGHT. WOULD YOU?

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21 **TRISH PLOEHN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I JUST WANTED TO SHARE WITH
22 YOU THAT IT IS TRULY BECAUSE OF SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S UNWAVERING
23 BELIEF IN THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION FOR ALL CHILDREN THAT WE
24 ARE HERE TODAY. SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THIS FIRST DISTRICT
25 EDUCATIONAL PILOT, MY STAFF, MY MANAGERS, MY STAFF HAVE REALLY



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1 GOT THE OPPORTUNITY TO FEEL THE IMPORTANCE OF WHAT IT IS TO
2 TREAT THE WHOLE CHILD. AS THE DEPARTMENT, IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN
3 OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE A CHILD'S SAFETY. AND THAT'S VERY
4 IMPORTANT. BUT SAFETY IS JUST ONE PIECE OF WHAT A CHILD NEEDS.
5 A CHILD NEEDS PERMANENT FAMILIES. A CHILD NEEDS A SENSE OF
6 BELONGING. A CHILD NEEDS SELF-ESTEEM AND SELF-RESPECT. AND
7 THAT'S WHAT EDUCATION GIVES THEM. THE 19 GRADUATES THAT WE
8 HAVE, WE ARE SO VERY PROUD OF THEM. AND WHAT WE ARE GOING TO
9 DO IS TO USE WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED FROM THIS PROGRAM THIS YEAR
10 TO ENSURE THAT WE CAN TAKE THESE TYPES OF SUCCESSES SO THAT
11 THE CHILDREN IN THE FUTURE AND IN THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM, IN
12 OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM, ARE ALL GOING TO BENEFIT FROM WHAT
13 WE'VE LEARNED THIS YEAR. AND I DO WANT TO HAVE A FEW SPECIAL
14 THANK YOUS, BECAUSE MARTHA MOLINA AVELES, OVER THERE, HAS JUST
15 BEEN INSTRUMENTAL. SHE'S ONE OF SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S CHILDREN'S
16 DEPUTIES. AND SHE HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN MAKING SURE THAT
17 THIS PROGRAM WORKED, AS WELL AS CARRIE MILLER FROM THE
18 EDUCATION COORDINATING COUNCIL, JENNY SORANO, FROM THE CHIEF
19 EXECUTIVE OFFICE. ALL OF THE BOARD MEMBERS, ALL OF THE
20 D.C.F.S. STAFF, IT REALLY TAKES EVERYBODY TO MAKE SOMETHING
21 LIKE THIS SUCCESSFUL FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. AND MOSTLY, I JUST
22 WANT TO CONGRATULATE THE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT HAVE ACHIEVED SO
23 MUCH. WITH A LITTLE BIT OF ATTENTION AND A LITTLE BIT OF
24 SUPPORT, THEY HAVE DONE MIRACULOUS THINGS THIS YEAR, AND WE'RE
25 VERY, VERY PROUD OF THEM. THANK YOU SO MUCH.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, TRISH. THE SUCCESS OF THIS PROGRAM WAS

3 REALLY BEEN BASED ON THE COOPERATION OF HAVING SCHOOL

4 DISTRICTS WORK WITH YOU. IT WAS INTERESTING, WHEN WE FIRST

5 APPROACHED L.A. UNIFIED ABOUT WORKING WITH US, THEY REALLY

6 WEREN'T INTERESTED AT ALL. AND NOW THAT THEY'VE SEEN THE

7 SUCCESS OF THE PROGRAM, NOW ALL OF A SUDDEN, THEY'RE VERY

8 INTERESTED IN WORKING WITH US. BUT WILLING TO STEP UP AND

9 ALLOW US TO COME IN AND LOOK AT THEIR RECORDS AND TALK ABOUT

10 HOW THEY WERE DOING THEIR PROGRAM AND WHAT THEY WERE DOING AND

11 IF THEY KNEW HOW MANY FOSTER CARE KIDS THEY HAD IN THEIR WHOLE

12 SCHOOL, IT CAN BE VERY CHALLENGING TO ANYONE BECAUSE THEY'RE

13 SO -- THEY HAVE SO MANY RESPONSIBILITIES IN TRYING TO EDUCATE

14 OUR KIDS, TRYING TO MANAGE THEIR LIMITED RESOURCES, TRYING TO

15 CARRY OUT THEIR ROLES EVERY SINGLE DAY, THAT FOR US TO COME IN

16 WAS ANOTHER ISSUE. BUT I THINK THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS

17 CERTAINLY BENEFITED. WE HAVE BENEFITED FROM THEIR ABILITY TO

18 WORK WITH US. AND IN THE LONG RUN, THEY ARE GOING TO BE

19 HELPFUL TO US AS TO HOW WE INTRODUCE THIS PROGRAM INTO VARIOUS

20 SCHOOL DISTRICTS. AND I WANT TO CONGRATULATE FIRST OF ALL

21 EDWARD VELASQUEZ. COME UP AND JOIN ME. WHEN I CALLED HIM THE

22 FIRST TIME, I THINK I FREAKED HIM OUT COMPLETELY. [APPLAUSE.]

23 BUT I WANT TO THANK HIM BECAUSE THEY'VE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN

24 LENDING THEIR PERSONNEL, IN ALLOWING US TO GO THROUGH THE

25 PROCESS OF THE RECORDS, GETTING A LOT OF THAT INFORMATION, AND



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1 I WANT TO THANK HIM. HE IS THE SUPERINTENDENT AT MONTEBELLO
2 SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND WE'RE SO VERY PROUD OF HIM.
3 CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, SIR. THANK
4 YOU. WE REALLY APPRECIATE IT. JOINING ME IN THAT EFFORT WAS
5 THE SUPERINTENDENT FROM THE POMONA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,
6 AND OF COURSE THAT IS THELMA MELENDEZ DE SANTA ANA IS HER FULL
7 NAME. SHE IS GOING ON TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY AT THE
8 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION UNDER THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION. AND
9 SHE'S ON HER WAY THERE, SO SHE WASN'T ABLE TO JOIN US. BUT HER
10 VERY ABLE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT IS HERE. AND I WANT TO
11 BRING HIM UP BECAUSE HE WAS ALSO A PART OF THAT ANSWER AND
12 HELPING US THROUGH ALL THOSE BARRIERS, AND THAT'S MR. RICHARD
13 MARTINEZ. MUCHISIMAS GRACIAS. THANK YOU. YOU DID AN OUTSTANDING
14 JOB. AND THANK THELMA FOR US. THANK YOU. YOU KNOW, ALONG THE
15 WAY, THERE'S A WHOLE LOT OF FOLKS THAT WORK ON ALL OF THESE
16 ISSUES. AND THEY ARE INSTRUMENTAL IN GETTING IT DONE. YOU
17 KNOW, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE TAKEN OUT, AS WELL, FROM
18 OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM IS OUR COUNSELORS. YOU KNOW, WE THINK
19 THAT "WELL, YOU DON'T NEED THEM. YOU JUST NEED THE EDUCATORS
20 IN THE CLASSROOM." BUT IT'S THE COUNSELORS THAT REALLY TALK TO
21 THE KIDS, TO HELP THEM SORT IT OUT, HAVE THAT INDIVIDUAL
22 ATTENTION. AND WE WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEM, AS WELL, BECAUSE
23 THEY DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB. SO FROM THE MONTEBELLO SCHOOL
24 DISTRICT, WE HAVE PATRICIA LOPEZ, PATTI LOPEZ, A FRIEND OF
25 MINE, WHO WAS A COUNSELOR THERE. CONGRATULATIONS, PATTI.



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1 [APPLAUSE.] AND FROM THE POMONA SCHOOL DISTRICT, WE HAD ZOILA
2 MONETTE? AM I PRONOUNCING IT? CONGRATULATIONS. GOOD JOB. OH,
3 I'M SO GLAD YOU HAD A GOOD JOB WITH IT. YOU DID GREAT. WE
4 THANK THEM FOR THEIR ATTENTION ON THAT. NOW, OUR OWN CHILDREN
5 SERVICES WORKERS, MARTHA AND I WERE RELENTLESS WITH THEM. AND
6 THEY TOOK A LOT OF GRIEF FROM US. BUT I THINK THEY WERE SO
7 HELPFUL TO US TO FIGURE OUT -- YOU KNOW, WE ALL THINK THAT THE
8 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN SERVICES IS A DEPARTMENT THAT'S THERE
9 TO TAKE CARE OF THE KIDS. AND OBVIOUSLY, THAT'S WHAT WE ASSUME
10 AND WE THINK. BUT VERY, FRANKLY, THEY'RE THERE TO PROTECT THE
11 CHILDREN FROM ABUSE AND NEGLECT. AND SOMETIMES THESE
12 ADDITIONAL SERVICES THAT WE THINK OR TAKE FOR GRANTED ARE
13 REALLY NOT IN PLACE. AND THEY REALLY ASSISTED US AT TRYING TO
14 FIGURE OUT HOW TO CONNECT IT AND HOW TO MAKE IT WORK. AND I
15 REALLY THANK THEM FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP AND THE WORK THAT THEY
16 DID IN HELPING US SORT OUT THE WHOLE SYSTEM. ONE OF THOSE
17 INDIVIDUALS, MARIANNE FATIMI, WHO IS NOW OUR DEPUTY DIRECTOR,
18 SO CONGRATULATIONS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. I REALLY
19 APPRECIATE IT. YOU DID A GOOD JOB. THANK YOU. ANOTHER ONE OF
20 THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT WAS ONE OF THE SUPERVISORS THAT WAS
21 THERE IS ANGEL RODRIGUEZ. ANGEL, THANK YOU. THANK YOU. AND
22 ALSO ONE OF OUR SOCIAL WORKERS THAT WAS OUT THERE WHO ALWAYS
23 WAS VERY HELPFUL, AND THAT'S ARLENE BARIOS. THANK YOU. WE
24 REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR HELP. [APPLAUSE.] AND ELVA MENDEZ WAS
25 OUR OTHER SOCIAL WORKER. CONGRATULATIONS. THANK YOU.



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1 [APPLAUSE.] NOW, ALL OF THAT WAS UNDER A WHOLE TEAM THAT WAS
2 PUT TOGETHER IN THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE. THEY WORKED DILIGENTLY
3 WHEN MARTHA AND I WEREN'T WORKING WITH THEM EVERY SINGLE DAY,
4 BUT THEY DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB IN CONNECTING SO MANY OF THE
5 SILOS THAT WE HAVE, UNFORTUNATELY, UNDER A BUREAUCRACY. I WANT
6 TO THANK MIGUEL SANTANA. I DON'T KNOW IF HE'S HERE TODAY, BUT
7 THROUGH HIS LEADERSHIP, WE WERE ABLE TO OVERCOME A LOT OF THE
8 OBSTACLES AND THE BARRIERS THAT WERE THERE. BUT I PARTICULARLY
9 WANT TO THANK ALSO HIS STAFF. AND THAT'S JENNY SERANO AND
10 CARRIE MILLER. WHERE ARE THEY? CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]
11 JENNY, THANK YOU. CARRIE. COULD WE TAKE A PICTURE? AND
12 FINALLY, WE GIVE CERTIFICATES TO ALL OF THE KIDS. THEY HAVE
13 DONE SUCH AN OUTSTANDING JOB. THEY HAVE BEEN VERY DEDICATED.
14 AND WHEN YOU HEAR THEIR STORIES AND ALL THE DIFFERENT STORIES,
15 YOU FIND OUT THAT THEY REALLY NEEDED THAT LITTLE EXTRA BOOST.
16 ON THEIR OWN, THEY'RE VERY BRIGHT, VERY CAPABLE AND VERY
17 SMART. BUT SOMETIMES, THE SYSTEM DOES WEAR YOU DOWN WHEN
18 YOU'RE MOVED FROM PLACE TO PLACE, YOU'RE CHANGED FROM SCHOOL
19 TO SCHOOL, YOU KNOW HOW OVERWHELMING THAT CAN BE. BUT THEY
20 WERE SUCCESSFUL. SO MANY OF THEM HAVE GRADUATED, SO MANY OF
21 THEM ARE GOING TO GRADUATE, AND SOME OF THEM ARE GOING ON TO
22 COLLEGE. SO WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THEM AND SO WE'RE VERY PROUD
23 OF THIS VERY FIRST CLASS. SO LET ME BRING UP THE STUDENT
24 SPEAKER WHO IS GOING TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF ALL THE STUDENTS
25 AND IS IT JEANETTE? COME ON UP. OH, YOU'RE GOING TO SPEAK.



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SPEAKER: GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS PROGRAM IS EVIDENT IN EVERY CHILD'S FACE. IT HAS NOT ONLY OPENED DOORS OF POSSIBILITIES FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE IN THIS VERY UNSTABLE SOCIETY THAT WE HAVE NOW, BUT IT HAS EMPOWERED US TO ACT MORE AS STRONG INDIVIDUALS AND STUDENT LEADERS. THIS PROGRAM HAS PERSONALLY HELPED ME OBTAIN CREDITS TO RECEIVE MY HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA. I WAS BEHIND JUNIOR YEAR, AND MY FORMER LIAISONS WERE EVITA SALAS AND PATRICIA BURGETT. AND THEY HELPED ME A LOT THROUGHOUT THIS JOURNEY. THEY HELPED ME REACH MY GOALS. AND THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I LEARNED IS THAT I CAN REACH EVERYTHING I BELIEVE IN. I ALSO GOT AN INTERNSHIP THROUGH R.O.P. PROGRAM, WHICH HELPED ME GET HANDS-ON TRAINING THROUGH WELLS FARGO AT A BANKING PROGRAM. IN TERMS OF MY FUTURE, IT HAS HELPED ME REALIZE THAT MY DREAMS HAVE BECOME REALITY. I HAVE GRADUATED WITH MY CLASS AND I WAS BEHIND. I DIDN'T THINK THAT WAS POSSIBLE. FROM THE DREAM THAT I HOPED, I DISCOVERED MY TALENT IN WRITING THROUGH THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF STAFF MEMBERS FROM THIS PROGRAM. I HAVE DECIDED TO MAJOR IN ENGLISH FROM ALL YOU GUYS HELPING ME OUT. AND I'D LIKE TO THANK EVERYBODY HERE FOR HELPING THIS COME TOGETHER. AND OF COURSE, GLORIA MOLINA.

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SUP. MOLINA: THANK YOU, SWEETHEART. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] WE ARE PROUD OF EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM. THEY DID AN OUTSTANDING



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1 JOB. MAY I ASK A SPECIAL THANKS TO MARTHA MOLINA OF MY OFFICE
2 WHO HAS DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB, AS WELL. CONGRATULATIONS,
3 MARTHA. [APPLAUSE.] IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THIS PILOT PROGRAM
4 WILL EVENTUALLY BE PLACED DIRECTLY INTO OUR PROGRAMMING OF
5 WHAT WE DO. THE CASEY FOUNDATION IS WORKING WITH US NOW, DAVID
6 SAUNDERS, OUR FORMER DIRECTOR, HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH THIS.
7 AND HE HAS HAD HIS REPRESENTATIVE HERE, AS WELL. AND WE HOPE
8 THAT EVENTUALLY THIS IS A PROGRAM THAT IS GOING TO BE
9 AVAILABLE TO EVERY SINGLE FOSTER CARE CHILD THAT IS WITH US
10 BECAUSE THEY DESERVE IT. AS YOU CAN SEE, THESE ARE BRIGHT,
11 TALENTED, WONDERFUL YOUNG PEOPLE. AND WE NEED TO DO ALL WE CAN
12 TO GIVE THEM THAT BOOST THAT THEY NEED TOWARD THEIR
13 INDEPENDENCE TO REALLY CREATE AN EMANCIPATION THAT WILL TRULY
14 MAKE THEM THE FUTURE LEADERS THAT WE WANT TO SEE. SO WE
15 CONGRATULATE EVERYONE WHO WAS INVOLVED. THANK YOU SO VERY
16 MUCH. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] COULD I ASK SOME OF THE
17 OTHER STUDENTS THAT ALL GRADUATED, IF COULD THEY PLEASE STAND?
18 THEY DESERVE A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. COULD YOU PLEASE STAND?
19 [APPLAUSE.] PLEASE STAND. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. WE
20 APPRECIATE IT.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY? SUPERVISOR
23 ANTONOVICH?

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, THIS IS A SAD DAY FOR THE COUNTY AND A
2 VERY HAPPY DAY FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, BECAUSE
3 SUPERVISOR DON KNABE AND I WANT TO RECOGNIZE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO
4 HAS BEEN ON THE FRONTLINES OF FIRE SAFETY FOR THE PAST THREE
5 DECADES IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND WE'VE HAD THE
6 OPPORTUNITY TO BE WITH MICHAEL ON VARIOUS, WITH CHIEF FREEMAN
7 WITH VARIOUS CATASTROPHES WE'VE HAD IN THE COUNTY OF LOS
8 ANGELES. AND CHIEF DYER HAS ALWAYS BEEN THERE DOING THE
9 PROFESSIONAL JOB THAT HELPED TO PROTECT THE LIFE AND SAFETY OF
10 OUR CITIZENS. AS I SAID, HE'LL BE LEADING A NEW CHAPTER IN HIS
11 LIFE BY GOING TO THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, WHERE HE IS
12 GOING TO BECOME NOW THE FIRE CHIEF. HIS CAREER HAS TAKEN HIM
13 THROUGH VARIOUS ASSIGNMENTS, WHICH STARTED AS A LIFEGUARD. SO
14 THOSE COLLEGE STUDENTS AND OTHERS WHO ARE LIFEGUARDS DURING
15 THE SUMMER, THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF A PERSON WHO CLIMBED THAT
16 LADDER OF SUCCESS ALL THE WAY UP TO NOW FIRE CHIEF. HE HAD THE
17 OPPORTUNITY, AS I SAID, BEFORE JOINING THE COUNTY FIRE
18 DEPARTMENT IN 1986 TO BE THAT LIFEGUARD. AND THEN HE MOVED UP
19 AS A FIREFIGHTER, A FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC, FIREFIGHTER
20 SPECIALIST, FIGHTER CAPTAIN BATTALION CHIEF, ASSISTANT FIRE
21 CHIEF, DEPUTY CHIEF, AND CHIEF DEPUTY, AND NOW MOVING ON TO
22 THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA. HE WAS CHIEF DEPUTY, HE WAS IN
23 CHARGE OF BUSINESS OPERATIONS. HE SAW THE FIRE PREVENTION
24 BUREAU, THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUREAU, SUPPORT SERVICES BUREAU,
25 PLANNING DIVISION AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION. HE



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1 HOLDS A DEGREE, BOTH HIS BACHELOR'S AND MASTER'S DEGREE, FROM
2 CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY AT NORTHRIDGE. AND ALONG WITH
3 THAT, HE'S HAD OTHER SPECIAL TRAININGS AND CERTIFICATIONS FROM
4 THE DEPARTMENT AND THE CALIFORNIA STATE FIRE MARSHAL. AND SO
5 LET ME ASK SUPERVISOR KNABE TO SAY A FEW WORDS. WE'RE LOSING A
6 GREAT LEADER TO OUR NEIGHBORING COUNTY, WHO I'M SURE THROUGH
7 MUTUAL AID PACTS, WE'LL BE WORKING TOGETHER VERY SHORTLY.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. CHIEF DYER HAS BEEN A GOOD
10 FRIEND FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. WE WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH HIM
11 OVER THE YEARS IN VARIOUS ASPECTS. HE'S BEEN A GREAT FRIEND TO
12 OUR DISTRICT AND TO OUR CITIZENS, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY THE
13 COUNTY. WHAT'S A SAD DAY FOR US, BUT I HAD NO IDEA THAT THIS
14 MANY PEOPLE WANTED TO MAKE SURE YOU WERE RETIRING. [LAUGHTER.]
15 AND SHOWING UP TO SAY GOODBYE. BUT SERIOUSLY, WE WISH YOU WELL
16 UP THERE. WE DO INTERFACE WITH SANTA BARBARA ON C.S.A.C., AND
17 OBVIOUSLY WITH THE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS, WE WILL, AS WELL. SO
18 I'M SURE OUR PATHS WILL CROSS AGAIN. WE WISH YOU AND YOUR
19 FAMILY THE VERY, VERY BEST. GODSPEED AND DO WELL UP THERE.
20 WE'LL BE ROOTING FOR YOU.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SUPERVISOR KNABE AND I GIVE YOU THIS
23 PRESENTATION. AND WE'LL ASK CHIEF FREEMAN TO SAY A FEW WORDS,
24 AND MICHAEL, YOU CAN SAY A FEW WORDS AS WELL. THIS IS A DAY OF



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1 MICHAELS, RIGHT? ST. MICHAEL'S REALLY HAPPY TODAY, HUH?

2 MICHAEL, WHY DON'T YOU GET IN, TOO.

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4 **CHIEF P. MICHAEL FREEMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. HONORABLE
5 CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE JUST WANT TO JOIN WITH YOU AND
6 GIVING OUR VERY BEST WISHES TO CHIEF DYER AS HE MOVES TO THE
7 NORTH TO TAKE OVER THE COMMAND OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
8 FIRE DEPARTMENT. CHIEF DYER STARTED HIS SERVICE HERE IN THE
9 COUNTY OVER 31 YEARS AGO AS AN OCEAN LIFEGUARD. AND CERTAINLY
10 IN LIFEGUARDING, THE FOCUS OF THE LIFEGUARD IS ON THAT ONE
11 SINGLE INDIVIDUAL WHO IS IN DANGER. AND THAT SPIRIT HAS STAYED
12 WITH CHIEF DYER THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER. AND AS A FIREFIGHTER, A
13 FIRE OFFICER AND AS AN EXECUTIVE COMMANDER IN THE FIRE
14 DEPARTMENT, HIS FOCUS HAS ALWAYS BEEN ON THAT PERSON, THAT
15 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC IN NEED. HE IS ENERGETIC, HE HAS
16 DEMONSTRATED HIS CAPABILITIES IN NUMEROUS WAYS HERE WITHIN THE
17 COUNTY, AS YOU HAVE RECOGNIZED THROUGH THE YEARS. AND IT IS A
18 GREAT HONOR FOR US HERE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO SEE
19 HIM MOVE ON TO A VERY IMPORTANT POSITION AS FIRE CHIEF OF
20 SANTA BARBARA COUNTY. WE KNOW HE WILL DO WELL. AND ALL WE SAY
21 IS, BUY SOME FIRE HAWKS. GOOD LUCK TO YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **MICHAEL DYER:** WELL FIRST, I'D LIKE TO THANK YOUR HONORABLE
24 BOARD FOR THE RECOGNITION THIS MORNING. IT'S BEEN AN HONOR AND
25 A PRIVILEGE TO SERVE THE CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN ALL



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1 THESE DIFFERENT CAPACITIES FOR THE LAST 31 YEARS. I WANT TO
2 SAY THE ONE THING THAT MAKES EVERY ORGANIZATION GREAT ARE THE
3 MEN AND WOMEN THAT ARE PULLING EVERY DAY TO DO THE JOB. SOME
4 OF THEM ARE BEHIND ME HERE. WHAT A GREAT, GREAT EXECUTIVE TEAM
5 WE HAVE. AND WHEN THE EMERGENCIES HIT, ALL THESE PEOPLE BEHIND
6 ME ARE PULLING, ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN OUT THERE, THE
7 MECHANICS, THE ADMIN STAFF, EVERYBODY IS PULLING TO GET THE
8 JOB DONE. AND IT'S BEEN REALLY AN HONOR AND A PRIVILEGE TO
9 WORK WITH SUCH FINE INDIVIDUALS IN THIS DEPARTMENT FOR THE
10 LAST 31 YEARS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES, SIR.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IF I COULD JUST ADD MY OWN
17 COMMENTS ABOUT CHIEF DYER. WE'VE WORKED VERY CLOSELY TOGETHER,
18 UNFORTUNATELY, OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS WITH ALL THE FIRES
19 WE'VE HAD IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, WEST VALLEY, IN THE
20 SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. AND HE'S A FIREFIGHTER'S FIREFIGHTER.
21 HE'S GOT GOOD JUDGMENT. HE'S GOT CALM. HE THINKS AHEAD. AND I
22 THINK THE PEOPLE -- I KNOW THAT THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES
23 COUNTY, ESPECIALLY THESE FIRE RAVAGED AREAS ARE SAFER AND THE
24 BETTER FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTY. THE BEST COMPLIMENT I
25 CAN PAY YOU, MIKE, IS WHEN A SUPERVISOR FROM UP IN SANTA



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1 BARBARA COUNTY CALLED ME TO CHECK YOU OUT, I SAID "I'LL SAY IT
2 IN ONE SENTENCE. IF WE HAD A VACANCY AND HE APPLIED FOR THIS
3 JOB, I COULD SUPPORT HIM FOR FIRE CHIEF IN LOS ANGELES
4 COUNTY." AND THAT'S HOW GOOD YOU ARE IN MY BOOK. AND I KNOW I
5 SPEAK FOR ALL OF MY CONSTITUENTS OUT THERE AND OUR MUTUAL
6 CONSTITUENTS THAT HAVE BENEFITED FROM YOUR SERVICE. SO GOOD
7 LUCK TO YOU UP THERE. DON'T BE A STRANGER. [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE A LITTLE SHIATSU MIX, A LITTLE
10 GIRL. SHE'S 32 MONTHS OLD, LOOKING FOR A HOME, WITH A YELLOW
11 SWEATER, MATCHES HER LITTLE BEIGE COMPLEXION. SO ANYBODY WOULD
12 LIKE TO ADOPT? HER NAME IS LADY LUCK. SHE HOPES HER LUCK HOLDS
13 OUT FINDING A NICE HOME. BECAUSE SHE DOESN'T LIKE THE
14 ALTERNATIVE. RIGHT? YEAH. AND WE HAVE ONE IN OUR OFFICE THAT
15 LINDA ADOPTED A FEW YEARS AGO THAT'S OUR LITTLE MASCOT.
16 SOMETIMES LEAVES A LITTLE TREAT FOR ME AT TIMES. AT
17 INAPPROPRIATE TIMES. BUT WE GIVE HER LITTLE TREATS TO REWARD
18 HER NOT TO DO THAT NEXT TIME. SO ANYBODY WHO'D LIKE TO ADOPT
19 HER, YOU CAN CALL 562-728-4644. LIKES YOU, GLORIA.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK DON'S GOING TO TAKE HER.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DON'S GOING TO TAKE HER? LITTLE LADY LUCK, WE
24 HOPE YOUR LUCK HOLDS OUT.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. FIRST DISTRICT. ADJOURNMENTS?

2

3 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DO NOT HAVE ANY THIS MORNING.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DO HAVE SEVERAL, MR. CHAIRMAN. FIRST I'D
8 LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CARL MALDEN, THE
9 OSCAR WINNING ACTOR KNOWN IN ROLES IN FILM SUCH AS A
10 "STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE," "ON THE WATERFRONT," AMONG MANY
11 OTHERS. HIS STARRING ROLE IN THE T.V. SERIES, "STREETS OF SAN
12 FRANCISCO." HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 97 AT HIS HOME IN
13 BRENTWOOD, JUST A FEW DAYS AGO. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
14 DAUGHTER, MILA DOERNER, AND MANY OTHER FAMILY FRIENDS AND
15 RELATIVES. ALL MEMBERS. I WAS INFORMED YESTERDAY THAT FORMER
16 LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCILMAN LOUIS NOWELL PASSED AWAY. LOUIE IS
17 A FORMER CITY COUNCIL MEMBER AND CITY FIREFIGHTER. DIED AT THE
18 AGE OF 94. AFTER SERVING IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM 1940 TO
19 1963, HE EMBARKED ON A SECOND CAREER AS A COUNCILMAN FOR THE
20 FIRST DISTRICT OF WHAT WAS THEN NORTHEAST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY,
21 WHERE HE ABLY SERVED THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES FOR
22 14 YEARS, UNTIL 1977. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 68 YEARS,
23 MAXINE; HIS SON, JOHN, RECENTLY RETIRED AS A BATTALION CHIEF
24 IN THE L.A. CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT, WHERE HE SERVED FOR MORE
25 THAN 35 YEARS AND WAS PAST HONOREE AS FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR;



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1 AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS. I WOULD JUST SAY THAT WHEN I FIRST
2 BECAME A COUNCILMAN IN THE CITY OF L.A. AT THE AGE OF 26,
3 LOUIE WAS, OTHER THAN JOHN GIBSON, WAS THE OLDEST MEMBER OF
4 THE COUNCIL AND HE TREATED ME AS AN EQUAL, WHICH WAS -- GAVE
5 ME SOME GOOD COUNSEL, GOOD ADVICE, I LEARNED A LOT FROM HIM.
6 WE DIDN'T SHARE OUR POLITICS, BUT HE WAS A GREAT MUNICIPAL
7 OFFICIAL. SO I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN HIS MEMORY. ROBERT
8 ELLSWORTH, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE THIRD DISTRICT IN MISSION
9 HILLS, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 82. FOR MORE THAN 40 YEARS,
10 ROBERT WORKED IN THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY AS A MOTION
11 PICTURE COSTUMER, OUTFITTING SUCH WELL KNOWN CELEBRITIES AS
12 ELVIS PRESLEY AND JAMES CAGNEY, AND WORKING WITH PROMINENT
13 DIRECTORS LIKE STEVE SPIELBERG AND OTHERS. HE WAS ALSO ACTIVE
14 IN HIS UNION AS SECRETARY-TREASURER AND LATER BUSINESS
15 REPRESENTATIVES FOR I.A. LOCAL 705. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE
16 OF 62 YEARS, LOLA; TWO SONS, RON AND STEVE; AND A DAUGHTER,
17 LINDA; SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN AND TWO GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. THOSE
18 ARE MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS, MR. CHAIR.

19
20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DID YOU HAVE ANY ITEMS THAT YOU WANTED
21 TO CALL UP?

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T THINK SO.



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. FIRST OF ALL, I HAVE AN
2 ADJOURNMENT TODAY THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ALBERTA BELL,
3 THE GRANDMOTHER OF LORI BELL OF MY OFFICE. SHE WAS
4 AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN AS DEAR. SHE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 90
5 ON JULY 2ND. SHE WAS A FINE ARTS PROFESSOR, MUSICIAN, CLOTHING
6 DESIGNER. SHE ENJOYED SPENDING TIME WITH HER FAMILY AND BEING
7 VERY ACTIVE IN HER CHURCH. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN,
8 GRANDCHILDREN, AND GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. SO SHE WILL BE MISSED
9 BY ALL. SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH? EXCUSE ME. BEFORE
10 WE DO THAT, I DO HAVE A READ-IN. "THE CALIFORNIA STATE
11 ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES AND THE COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
12 ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA JOINTLY EXAMINED CALIFORNIA'S
13 SAFETY-NET PROGRAMS AND RELATED ECONOMIC BENEFITS FOR
14 COMMUNITIES. NOT SURPRISINGLY, THE STUDY FOUND THAT THE
15 STATE'S POOR ECONOMY AND HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT HAS LED TO AN
16 INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE NOT ONLY FOR NEWLY
17 ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS BUT ALSO FOR CURRENT PARTICIPANTS WHOSE
18 PROGRAM EXIT HAS BEEN DELAYED. YET THE STATE SEEMS MORE
19 COMPELLED TO PROPOSE DRAMATIC CHANGES TO HUMAN SERVICES THAT
20 WILL SUPPOSEDLY CUT COSTS AND STREAMLINE PROGRAMS, BUT ARE IN
21 FACT UNREALISTIC AND WILL POSE DIRE CONSEQUENCES FOR THOSE WHO
22 DEPEND ON THEM. AS PART OF A SUSTAINED EFFORT TO CONVINCE THE
23 STATE TO FOCUS ON PROVIDING ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR HUMAN
24 SERVICES, THE C.S.A.C. BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS ADOPTED THE
25 ATTACHED RESOLUTION AND ENCOURAGE OUR INDIVIDUAL BOARDS TO



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1 ADOPT THE SAME RESOLUTION. SO I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD
2 OF SUPERVISORS ADOPT THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION, DIRECT OUR
3 C.E.O., IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENTS OF CHILDREN AND
4 FAMILY SERVICES AND PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES TO TRANSMIT THIS
5 RESOLUTION TO C.S.A.C., C.W.D.A., AND THE COUNTY STATE
6 LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, TO ADVOCATE FOR ADEQUATE FUNDING OF
7 STATE MANDATED HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAMS. AND I BELIEVE THAT WE
8 CAN FIND -- THIS WAS BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION WITHIN THE LAST
9 72 HOURS, SO I WOULD MOVE URGENCY THERE'S A SECOND. WITHOUT
10 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. AND THEN MOVE THIS RESOLUTION BE
11 FORWARDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO THE AFOREMENTIONED PEOPLE IN
12 THE MOTION. IS THAT CORRECT? CAN WE DO THAT? BECAUSE WE'RE ON
13 A SHORT TIME FRAME HERE? IS THAT CORRECT? OKAY. SECONDED BY
14 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THANK YOU.
15 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN IN WITH LOUIE
18 NOWELL. LOUIE HELPED ME IN MY FIRST CAMPAIGN. AND HE AND HIS
19 WIFE WERE AN INTEGRAL PART OF SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, QUITE
20 INVOLVED WITH THE TUJUNGA COMMUNITIES AND SUN VALLEY, LAKE
21 VIEW TERRACE, AND WAS A VERY FINE PUBLIC SERVANT. ALSO WITH
22 KARL MALDEN. KARL MALDEN WAS BORN MALDEN SEKULVICH IN ILLINOIS
23 TO A SERBIAN FAMILY, ACTIVE IN THE CHURCH. AND THEN CAME HERE
24 AND BECAME AN OUTSTANDING ACTOR. HE SERVED HIS COUNTRY IN
25 WORLD WAR II. AND HE ALSO WAS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE



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1 REBUILDING OF THE ST. STEVENS' CATHEDRAL IN ALHAMBRA. HE
2 ALWAYS WAS A COURTEOUS MAN. A REAL PROFESSIONAL. HIS WIFE AND
3 HE CELEBRATED, I BELIEVE IT WAS THEIR 70TH ANNIVERSARY IN
4 DECEMBER. AND HIS TWO DAUGHTERS, MILA AND CARA. BUT HE WAS
5 WELL-RESPECTED WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. HE BELIEVED THAT
6 CROATIANS AND SERBIANS SHOULD GET ALONG TOGETHER AND WORK
7 TOGETHER SIDE BY SIDE. HE WAS A GOOD AMERICAN AND SERVED HIS
8 PROFESSION, BOTH AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE MOTION PICTURE ARTS
9 AND SCIENCES, WON AN ACADEMY AWARD, WON AN AWARD ALSO FOR HIS
10 T.V. SERIES "STREETS OF SAN FRANCISCO." BUT HE WAS A GOOD MAN
11 AND HE LEFT WITH HIS BOOTS ON AND A GOOD ROLE MODEL. ALSO I'D
12 LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THERESA "TESS"
13 TOWNER, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 97, AS WELL. WAS A LIFELONG
14 RESIDENT IN ANTELOPE VALLEY. SHE WAS IN FARMING WITH HER
15 HUSBAND, AND WAS QUITE INVOLVED WITH VARIOUS COMMUNITIES IN
16 ANTELOPE VALLEY. THELMA GRAMATKY PASSED AWAY ON JUNE 27TH AT
17 THE AGE OF 96 IN GLENDALE. HER SON JOHN AND THREE
18 GRANDCHILDREN, TWO GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. SHE WAS INVOLVED IN
19 THE P.T.A. AT JOHN MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL IN LAS FILAS AREA AND
20 ALSO IN OTHER COMMUNITY GROUPS. PATRICK CUMMINGS FITZPATRICK
21 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 80. HE WAS A GRADUATE OF LOYOLA HIGH
22 SCHOOL AND SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY, AND WAS INVOLVED AS AN
23 INSURANCE EXECUTIVE FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS. HE WAS A PROUD
24 MEMBER OF THE HOLY FAMILY PARISH IN LOS ANGELES COUNTRY CLUB.
25 RODRIGO ARAMAS, PROBATION OFFICER, PASSED AWAY ON JUNE 28TH.



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1 HE WAS INVOLVED IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, CAMP CHALLENGER, AND
2 ALSO WAS KNOWN FOR HIS SKILLED PENMANSHIP AND COMPUTER WHIZ,
3 WHO DEVELOPED MANY COMPUTER SYSTEMS UTILIZED IN THE CAMP
4 SYSTEM, UTILIZED BY THE CAMP INSTITUTIONS. HE WAS A RESIDENT
5 OF KERN COUNTY, SERVED IN THE MILITARY. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE
6 UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS. EDWARD CLOSTERMAN. RAISED IN
7 GLENDALE. EXCUSE ME, PASSED AWAY IN GLENDALE. FORMER F.B.I.
8 AGENT, GRADUATE OF U.C.L.A. HE WAS MARRIED FOR 56 YEARS. HE
9 MET HIS WIFE AS AN F.B.I. AGENT WHEN HE WAS IN FLORENCE, SOUTH
10 CAROLINA 56 YEARS AGO. AND THEN CAME BACK HERE IN 1964 AND
11 LEFT THE F.B.I. AND STARTED SHIELD SECURITY GUARD COMPANY. AND
12 HE LEAVES HIS CHILDREN, EDWARD, JR., AND KENNETH GREG. HE WAS
13 ACTIVE IN THE GRANDVIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN GLENDALE. RUTH
14 HOUSTON PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 80. SHE WAS A RESIDENT OF
15 ANTELOPE VALLEY FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS AND WORKED WITH THE LOS
16 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND DURING HER FREE TIME,
17 SHE WAS INVOLVED WITH THE ANTELOPE VALLEY COLLEGE. THOSE ARE
18 MY ADJOURNMENTS. AND I'D LIKE TO CALL UP ITEM 12.

19
20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT IS BEING HELD FOR A MEMBER OF THE
21 PUBLIC. MR. SACHS?

22
23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. I HELD ITEM 12
24 BECAUSE A COUPLE WEEKS AGO YOU HAD A HUGE DISCUSSION HERE
25 REGARDING THE SHARING OF INFORMATION FOR YOUR FAMILY



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1 SERVICES., AND THE FACT THAT YOU'RE TRYING TO IMPLEMENT A
2 PROGRAM WITH THAT. SO I'M WONDERING IF THIS ENTERPRISE CONTENT
3 MANAGEMENT STANDARD WOULD RELATE TO THAT AT ALL? OR WOULD IT
4 AFFECT IT? THE ABILITY OF THE DEPARTMENTS TO SHARE THE
5 INFORMATION FOR FAMILY SERVICES. THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 16.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** 16, MR. SACHS?

12

13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YEAH, I HELD 16. WELL ACTUALLY, I WAS GOING TO
14 HOLD 1-D BECAUSE IT REFERS PRETTY MUCH -- YOU'RE OFFERING THE
15 WEINGART CENTER ASSOCIATION CONTRACT FOR \$200,000 FOR HOUSING
16 LOCATER CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR G.R. SINGLE ADULTS. AND I HAD
17 ORIGINALLY HELD 1-D BECAUSE I WAS WONDERING IF THAT HAS ANY
18 KIND OF CARRYOVER OR INFLUENCE WITH THIS HOMELESSNESS
19 PREVENTION AND RAPID RE-HOUSING PROGRAM. SINCE BASICALLY
20 YOU'RE LOOKING FOR HOUSING, I WOULD IMAGINE THE RAPID RE-
21 HOUSING PROGRAMS IS FOR FAMILIES? BUT WOULD ALSO INCLUDE
22 INDIVIDUALS? AND YOU'RE GOING TO PAY WEINGART CENTER \$200,000
23 TO LOOK FOR HOUSING, ALSO. ANY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO?
24 THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED
2 BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S ALL, THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE ARE GOING TO CALL UP, LET'S
7 SEE, NO -- YOU HELD 3-D?

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9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I DID HOLD 3-D.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU HELD 19. ALSO, IF WE CAN TUNE INTO
12 LANCASTER, NICOLE PARSONS, AS WELL, HELD THOSE TWO ITEMS. MR.
13 SACHS, IF YOU CAN GO AHEAD?

14

15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WELL, 3-D, AND EVEN IN YOUR AGENDA IT RELATES TO
16 ITEM 19. 3-D, YOU'RE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO
17 ACCEPT \$4 MILLION, ALMOST \$5 MILLION IN STATE NEIGHBORHOOD
18 STABILIZATION PROGRAM FUNDS AND TO EXECUTE A GRANT AMENDMENT
19 WITH THE STATE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS NECESSARY TO
20 RECEIVE THE STATE'S NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM FUNDS.
21 BUT IN 19, YOU'RE RECOMMENDING THAT THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
22 COMMISSION ACT AS THE AGENT OF THE COUNTY IN ALL MATTERS
23 PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION FOR FUNDS FROM THE STATE'S
24 NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM. SO IF ITEM NO. 3-D HAS THE
25 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PRETTY MUCH TRYING TO MAKE AMENDMENTS AND A



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1 GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE FOR ANY -- TO RECEIVE THESE
2 FUNDS, WHAT WOULD THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION PICK UP
3 THAT THE STATE -- THAT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WOULDN'T? AND
4 THAT BEING THE CASE, WHY WOULDN'T THE STATE, THE EXECUTIVE
5 DIRECTOR, PICK UP ALL THOSE FUNDINGS AND YOU NEED TO HAVE THE
6 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION?

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** HE'S THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
9 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

10

11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** OH, HE'S THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY
12 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THEY'RE INTERRELATED. SO ONE HAS AN
15 ACTION AND THE OTHER ONE IS TO ENGAGE THE COMMISSION AS THE
16 AGENT. OKAY?

17

18 **ARNOLD SACHS:** IT'S LIKE A PASS- THROUGH, THOUGH. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. AND THEN FROM LANCASTER, I
21 BELIEVE, ARE WE HOOKED UP? NICOLE PARSONS HAS HELD 3-D AND 19,
22 AS WELL. THEY ARE BOTH RELATED. DO YOU WANT TO GO AHEAD AND
23 TESTIFY?

24



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1 **NICOLE PARSON:** YES. HI, I'M GOING TO TESTIFY ON BEHALF OF JUST
2 BEING A CITIZEN IN GENERAL. AND OVER HERE IN LANCASTER, IN
3 ANTELOPE VALLEY IN L.A. COUNTY, I JUST WANT TO ASK YOU, MR.
4 MAYBE ANTONOVICH OR THE BOARD IF YOU GUYS COULD LOOK AT LIKE
5 MAYBE IF THERE'S A FORM TO APPEAL OR SOMETHING? BECAUSE I FEEL
6 THAT I'VE BEEN WRONGED AND NOT ONLY ME. I'M GOING TO SPEAK
7 JUST MAYBE ABOUT ME. BUT IT'S NOT JUST ONLY ABOUT ME. BUT I
8 WAS WRONGED IN APPLYING TO YOU GUYS MAKING A CLAIM. AND, SEE,
9 THAT'S WHERE LIKE OVER HERE, WE'RE JUST LIKE A WHOLE BUNCH OF
10 FARMERS, LIKE, RIGHT? AND SO WHEN I WAS LITTLE, I JUST WANTED
11 BLACK FEET, YOU KNOW, LIKE ALL THE OLDER GIRLS. AND THEN BUT
12 LIKE JUST FROM BEING FARMERS, YOU KNOW, WE'RE LIKE THE BIGGEST
13 INNOVATORS. AND SO WE ALWAYS GET MISTAKEN. AND SO LIKE THE
14 HOPE 6, THE HOPE 6, LIKE THIS PROGRAM, OKAY, I WAS PROUD OF
15 IT. AND I TURNED IN THE RESEARCH IN JULY AND THEN I HAVE THE
16 BRIDGE IN AUGUST. SO IN THE HOSPITAL, I WAS PROUD TO SPEAK
17 ABOUT, THEY'RE LIKE WHAT DO YOU DO? AND I SAY I RESEARCH AND I
18 DO, YOU KNOW, FOR GOVERNMENT RESEARCH. AND THEN SO YOU KNOW,
19 THEY TOOK HER. AND THEN THEY KILLED MY DOG ON SEPTEMBER 8TH
20 WHEN I ASKED FOR THE WELFARE PROVISION BECAUSE I DIDN'T HAVE
21 THE MONEY TO GET HER. AND THEN I CALLED MR. ANTONOVICH'S
22 OFFICE, AND THEN THEY CALLED LANCASTER SHELTER AND THEN THEY
23 KILLED HER. AND THEN ABOUT MY DAD, MY DAD, THERE WAS NO COURT
24 ORDER. IT WAS LIKE AND ILLEGAL EVICTION. AND THEN MY DAD DIED.
25 OKAY? AND THEN, SO CAN YOU GUYS, IS THERE A FORM OR MISS



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1 MOLINA, YOU SAID THAT YOU GUYS JUST DENY. IT'S LIKE
2 INJUNCTION, INJUNCTION. AND I'M JUST SO BEHIND IN MY
3 PROFESSIONAL WORKS BECAUSE OF THE COUNTY AND JUST DENYING ME.
4 AND I JUST WANT IT TO BE RIGHT. LIKE THE WATER, IT'S GOING TO
5 BE ALL WRONG. IT'S GOING TO BE ALL WRONG. BASICALLY EVERYONE'S
6 JUST GOING TO THROW THEIR WASTE OR WHATEVER OUT THE WINDOW.
7 AND THERE'S NO ONE WATCHING IT. BUT I'M PROFESSIONAL. I'M JUST
8 A FARMER, OKAY? I MEAN CAN YOU ANSWER, PLEASE?

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. SUPERVISOR
11 ANTONOVICH'S OFFICE, SOMEONE WILL CONTACT YOU OR YOU CAN
12 CONTACT SOMEONE UP THERE. OKAY. ITEM 3-D AND 19 IS BEFORE US.
13 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
14 YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. WE'RE GOING TO
15 CALL ITEM 4.

16

17 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ITEM 4. YESTERDAY'S L.A. TIMES THERE WAS AN
18 ARTICLE IN THE BUSINESS SECTION REGARDING THE P.U.C.'S GOING
19 TO CONSIDER HAVING HEARINGS AND RAISING THE THRESHOLD, OR
20 RAISING THE CEILING ON THE AMOUNT OF ELECTRICITY THAT THE
21 UTILITIES CAN BUY BACK FROM 4 PERCENT TO 10 PERCENT. AND MY
22 QUESTION BEING, SINCE THIS ITEM REGARDS SOLAR INITIATIVE,
23 SOLAR PANEL INITIATIVES, WILL THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
24 BE SENDING A LETTER TO THE P.U.C. OR TO THE STATE IN SUPPORT
25 OF RAISING THE THRESHOLDS TO 10 PERCENT? BECAUSE THE 4 PERCENT



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1 THAT IS CURRENTLY THE CEILING, THAT'S WHAT THE UTILITIES ARE
2 ALLOWED TO BUY BACK FROM THEIR CONSUMERS, IS FAST APPROACHING.
3 AND ONCE THAT CEILING IS REACHED, THEY WON'T BE BUYING ANYMORE
4 ELECTRICITY FROM PEOPLE WHO HAVE SOLAR PANELS. JUST CURIOUS TO
5 KNOW. YOU SENT LETTERS TO THE STATE LEGISLATION AND THE
6 GOVERNOR. WOULD YOU BE SENDING A LETTER TO THE P.U.C. SAYING
7 THAT YOU SUPPORT A RAISE OF THE CEILING TO 10 PERCENT FOR
8 SOLAR, FOR PEOPLE WHO WANT TO INVEST IN SOLAR POWER? THANK
9 YOU.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
12 YAROSLAVSKY. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
13 ORDERED. OKAY, WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT. ARNOLD SACHS? RON
14 MILLER? AND SUSAN BURTON.

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16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU ALMOST SET A RECORD. THANK YOU. LAST MONDAY,
17 OR IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN TUESDAY, THE "DAILY BREEZE" HAD A STORY
18 ON MEASURE "R" AND THE EFFECTS FROM THE FALLOUT THAT WILL
19 OCCUR IN THE SOUTH BAY. AND ONE OF THE STORIES IN THAT, ONE OF
20 THE BY LINES IN THAT STORY WAS REGARDING THE HARBOR
21 SUBDIVISION RAIL LINE, HOW THE HALF CENT SALES TAX WILL BE
22 USED TO DEVELOP THAT. WELL, THEY'VE HAD SEVERAL, MORE THAN
23 SEVERAL. THEY'VE HAD MAYBE PRETTY CLOSE TO 10 OUTREACH
24 PROGRAMS IN THE SOUTH BAY REGARDING THAT. AND I HAVE GONE TO
25 THREE. THEY'VE HAD PLENTY OF DIAGRAMS. THEY'VE HAD PROPOSED



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1 ROUTES. BUT ONE OF THE THINGS THEY SAID WE HAVE NO FUNDING
2 SOURCE. EVEN WITH MEASURE "R." SO, YOU GET TWO SIDES OF THE
3 STORY. YOU HAVE PEOPLE FROM THE M.T.A. TELLING YOU THEY HAVE
4 NO FUNDING SOURCE AND YOU HAVE THESE INSIDE WRITERS FROM THE
5 "DAILY BREEZE" TELLING YOU THAT MEASURE "R" WILL BUILD THE
6 HARBOR SUBDIVISION. YOU COULDN'T BE FURTHER APART IF YOU HAD
7 BOTH ENDS OF THE POLES ON THE GLOBE. I'M TRYING TO GET SOME
8 CLEAR THINKING HERE SO THAT THIS DOESN'T TURN INTO ANOTHER,
9 IT'S FAST APPROACHING THAT, ANOTHER DEBACLE LIKE THE RED LINE
10 OR THE WILSHIRE CORRIDOR LINE OR THE GOLD LINE ITSELF THAT WAS
11 NEVER COMPLETED. JUST A LITTLE BIT OF DIRECTION FROM THE
12 PEOPLE WHO SIT ON THE M.T.A. BOARD WOULD BE REALLY HELPFUL TO
13 THE PUBLIC INSTEAD OF WATCH ME PULL A RABBIT OUT OF MY HAT
14 ROUTINE. AND I ALSO WANTED TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THIS
15 EVENT THAT'S GOING ON IN DOWNTOWN L.A. WITH THE MICHAEL
16 JACKSON MEMORIAL. AND IN A RELATED ITEM, THERE WAS A STORY IN
17 THE L.A. TIMES REGARDING THE HOME DEPOT CENTER. AND A.E.G.,
18 BEING THAT GREAT CORPORATE CITIZEN THAT THEY ARE, OFFERED THE
19 CITY OF CARSON TO FUND THE OVERTIME FOR THEIR CODE ENFORCEMENT
20 OFFICERS SO THAT THEY COULD GO OUT AND TICKET AND CONFISCATE
21 THE PEOPLE THAT GRILL HOT DOGS IN THESE LITTLE CARTS THAT ARE
22 UNLICENSED. THAT BEING SAID, A.E.G. BEING THAT GREAT CORPORATE
23 CITIZEN, HOPEFULLY WILL STEP UP AND OFFER TO PAY THE OVERTIME
24 THAT'S BEING INCURRED BY MAYBE THE M.T.A. OR THE SHERIFF'S
25 DEPARTMENT OR THE CITY OF L.A. FOR THE COSTS OF RUNNING THE



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1 PRIVATIZING OF DOWNTOWN STAPLES CENTER THAT'S GOING TO
2 APPROACH \$4 BILLION. THAT BEING SAID, THE BUDGET DISCUSSIONS
3 REGARDING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WHAT CONCERNS ME ABOUT
4 THAT IN THE STORY IN THE L.A. TIMES WAS THAT THE BUDGET WENT
5 FROM \$1.6 BILLION TO 2.05.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** \$100 MILLION A YEAR. THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MR. MILLER?

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13 **RON MILLER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR THE
14 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. I'M RON MILLER, AND I REPRESENT THE L.A.
15 ORANGE COUNTY BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES. I'M ALSO A
16 REPRESENTATIVE OF PLUMBERS' LOCAL 78. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT
17 THE COUNTY IS COGNIZANT THAT ALL THE A.R.R.A. FUNDS HAVE A
18 PREVAILING WAGE STANDARD ATTACHED TO THEM, AND WE WOULD LIKE,
19 IF IT IS POSSIBLE, TO INTRODUCE PUBLICLY THAT THE BUILDING
20 TRADES ARE AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS A PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT ON
21 ALL THE A.R.R.A.-RELATED PROJECTS. WE KNOW AND UNDERSTAND THAT
22 THE COUNTY IS INTERESTED IN THE MOST EFFECTIVE USE OF THESE
23 FUNDS, AND IN INSURING THAT THE LOCAL RESIDENTS ARE WORKING ON
24 THESE PROJECTS AND HAVE AN OPEN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN
25 APPRENTICESHIP. WE HAVE A VERY RESPECTABLE TRACK RECORD WHEN



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1 IT COMES TO PROMOTING LOCAL HIRE WITH VARIOUS PUBLIC AGENCIES
2 WITHIN THE CITY AND COUNTY. THE LOS ANGELES ORANGE COUNTY
3 BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES HAVE BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL
4 WITH NEGOTIATING PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS PUBLIC
5 AGENCIES. THESE P.L.A.S CREATE A LEVEL AND FAIR PLAYING FIELD
6 FOR HONEST AND FAIR CONTRACTORS BIDDING THE WORK. WE WILL LOOK
7 FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THIS BOARD IN THE TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES
8 TO PUT YOUR CONSTITUENTS, OUR MEMBERS, AND MEMBERS OF THE
9 LOCAL COMMUNITY TO WORK. THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, RON. SUSAN BURTON? AND THEN
12 I'LL ASK JOSHUA KIM TO JOIN US.

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14 **SUSAN BURTON:** HI, MY NAME IS SUSAN BURTON AND I'M DIRECTOR OF
15 THE NEW WAY OF LIFE REENTRY PROJECT. ALSO A MEMBER OF ALL OF
16 US OR NONE. WE WERE HERE THREE WEEKS AGO WITH A CONCERN AROUND
17 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE 10,000 JOBS THAT ARE COMING
18 FORWARD. YOU KNOW, AS YOU KNOW, I'VE WORKED WITH THE FORMER
19 PRISONER COMMUNITY FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS. AND IT'S A HUGE
20 COMMUNITY OF PEOPLE IN ALL OF YOUR DISTRICTS. I'M IN THE
21 SECOND DISTRICT. MY SUPERVISOR'S NOT HERE. I WISH HE WAS HERE.
22 BUT WHEN WE WERE HERE, THERE WAS A STATEMENT MADE BY THE
23 SUPERVISOR FOR THE WORK SOURCE TO CONNECT WITH US AND ADDRESS
24 THE CONCERNS WE HAD ABOUT THE LANGUAGE THAT WOULD GO OUT INTO
25 THE CONTRACT. AND IT HASN'T HAPPENED. WE'VE MADE NUMEROUS



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1 CALLS AND HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO ENGAGE IN A CONVERSATION WITH
2 THE WORK SOURCE CENTER. YOU KNOW THERE'S HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS
3 OF PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY WHO HAVE CONVICTIONS WHO ARE
4 STRUGGLING TO ACTUALLY HAVE EMPLOYMENT. AND YOU KNOW, MY
5 CONCERN IS A BETTER LOS ANGELES. AND I'M SURE YOUR CONCERN
6 ALSO IS A BETTER LOS ANGELES, A FAIR LOS ANGELES, THE ABILITY
7 FOR PEOPLE TO GET JOBS AFTER CONVICTIONS AND HOW DO WE -- MY
8 QUESTION AND MY THOUGHT IS: IS HOW DO WE ACHIEVE THAT? WHAT DO
9 WE DO TO ACTUALLY MAKE THAT HAPPEN? ACCORDING TO THE TIMES,
10 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND OTHER ENTITIES, THERE'S GOING TO
11 BE A LARGE, LARGE RELEASE AND INFLUX OF PEOPLE COMING BACK
12 INTO THIS COMMUNITY. MY THOUGHTS AND CONCERNS ARE: WHAT DO WE
13 DO TO ADDRESS THEM? ARE THERE ANY PLANS GOING DOWN? ARE THERE
14 ANY ROUND TABLES? WHAT CAN WE DO TO WORK COLLECTIVELY TO MAKE
15 THAT HAPPEN? NOT ONLY IN THE SECOND DISTRICT BUT THROUGHOUT
16 THE ENTIRE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES? AGAIN, THE COMMUNITY'S
17 WELFARE, WELL-BEING, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND A FAIR OPPORTUNITY FOR
18 PEOPLE TO REBUILD THEIR LIVES AFTER THEY ARE RELEASED IS THE
19 CONCERN. THE LAST TIME, SUPERVISOR KNABE, I WAS HERE, YOU SAID
20 THAT YOU WOULD SEND SOMEONE TO TALK TO ME TO ADDRESS THOSE
21 CONCERNS, TO FOLLOW-UP AFTER THIS MEETING THAT I'M JUST NOT
22 SPEAKING AT THIS MEETING AND THAT'S THE END OF IT. AND I
23 REQUEST TODAY AGAIN IF YOU COULD HAVE SOMEONE TO TALK TO ME TO
24 ACTUALLY ADDRESS THE CONCERNS OF A FAIR CONTRACT FOR THESE
25 JOBS AND A CHANCE FOR PEOPLE TO REBUILD THEIR LIVES. IF THEIR



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1 LIVES DON'T GET REBUILT, NOT ONLY ARE THEY DESTROYED, BUT
2 PEOPLE AROUND THEM ARE DESTROYED, TOO.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, JOSHUA KIM.

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6 **JOSHUA KIM:** MY NAME IS JOSHUA KIM, I'M A STAFF ATTORNEY AT NEW
7 WAY OF LIFE REENTRY PROJECT. I'M HERE TO ADDRESS THE SAME
8 CONCERN THAT SUSAN DID, ABOUT THE CREATION OF 10,000 NEW JOBS
9 THROUGH THE SOUTH BAY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD WITH THE
10 FEDERAL A.R.R.A. MONEY. THE LAST TIME WE WERE HERE, ABOUT
11 THREE WEEKS AGO, THERE WAS A MENTION THAT THE SOUTH BAY
12 WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD WAS CONSIDERING CREATING A SPECIAL
13 PROGRAM THAT JUST TARGETS PEOPLE WITH CRIMINAL RECORDS BECAUSE
14 THEY ARE A DIFFICULT POPULATION TO PLACE IN EMPLOYMENT.
15 HOWEVER, STILL BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN
16 THEM AND US, A LOT OF QUESTIONS REMAIN FOR US UNANSWERED. FOR
17 INSTANCE, ARE PEOPLE WITH NECESSARY EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE
18 BEING INVOLVED IN CREATING THIS PROGRAM? WHAT KIND OF JOBS ARE
19 BEING TARGETED AND CREATED? BECAUSE THERE ARE, IN FACT, LAWS
20 ON THE BOOK THAT MAKE CERTAIN JOBS INACCESSIBLE TO THESE
21 PEOPLE, AND HOW MUCH MONEY ARE WE TALKING ABOUT HERE? HOW MANY
22 JOBS ARE WE TALKING ABOUT? I JUST WANT TO MENTION THAT AS A
23 GENERAL PRINCIPLE, PUBLIC SAFETY IS NOT ACHIEVED THROUGH
24 SEGREGATION, BUT THROUGH INTEGRATION. AND IF SPECIAL PROGRAMS
25 ARE MADE AVAILABLE FOR A SPECIAL GROUP OF PEOPLE, THAT THEY



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1 MUST TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF THESE
2 PEOPLE, THE TARGET POPULATION, AND THIS SPECIAL CATEGORY OF
3 PEOPLE, PEOPLE WITH CRIMINAL RECORDS. I WANT TO REMIND THE
4 BOARD THAT HISTORICALLY THEY ARE LEFT OUT FOR A LATER
5 CONSIDERATION TIME AND TIME AGAIN. AND IN THE END, THEY REMAIN
6 OUTSIDE OF OUR MAINSTREAM AND THEY REMAIN IN THEIR LIVES OF
7 DESPERATION AND ALIENATION. AND THEY KEEP GOING THROUGH THIS
8 VICIOUS CYCLE OF ALIENATION, POVERTY AND CRIME. THIS IS A GOOD
9 OPPORTUNITY FOR THE BOARD, FOR THE COUNTY TO TAKE A GOOD
10 HEALTHY STEP TOWARDS INTEGRATING THEM BACK INTO OUR COMMUNITY
11 AND MAKING ALL RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THEM AND I ENCOURAGE THE
12 BOARD TO TAKE A SPECIAL CONSIDERATION OF THIS. THANK YOU VERY
13 MUCH.

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I CAN ASSURE YOU, THERE'S A
16 LOT OF PEOPLE OUT THERE INTERESTED IN THE 10,000 JOBS. AND
17 IT'S GOING TO BE A VERY DIFFICULT SITUATION. WE'RE WORKING
18 WITH COMMUNITY-BASED GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS, CHURCHES,
19 CITIES. IT'S NOT JUST BEING RUN BY THE COUNTY. SO THERE'S A
20 LOT OF ACTIVITY AROUND THERE. A LOT OF PEOPLE WANT THOSE JOBS
21 BECAUSE REGARDLESS OF WHAT THEIR PAST HISTORY IS, THEY'RE
22 STILL NOT WORKING.

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1 **JOSHUA KIM:** AND ACTUALLY WHAT WE'RE SAYING IS WE DON'T WANT A
2 SPECIAL SET-ASIDE FOR PEOPLE WITH CRIMINAL RECORDS. WE SIMPLY
3 WANT THE PLAYING FIELD TO BE LEVEL. THAT'S WHAT WE WANT.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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7 **JOSHUA KIM:** THANK YOU.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I BELIEVE YOU WILL READ US INTO CLOSED
10 SESSION, PLEASE, THANK YOU.

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12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
13 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL BE
14 CONVENING IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO. CS-2,
15 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE
16 TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE, AND ITEM NO. CS-3, CONFERENCE WITH
17 LABOR NEGOTIATORS, WILLIAM T FUJIOKA, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
18 AND DESIGNATED STAFF AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THANK
19 YOU.

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1 **REPORT CLOSED SESSION ACTION TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2009**

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5 In Open Session, item CS-1 was continued one week to July 14,
6 2009, at the request of Supervisor Ridley-Thomas.

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8 No reportable action was taken on items CS-2 or CS-3.

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